SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1887.

A Surprise Party.

A large number of hatters, consisting of past and present employees of Mr. Thomas McGowan, waited upon him the other evening at his home on Montgomery avenue, and presented him with an elegant gold-headed cane as a token of their esteem. The occasion was a very pleasant one to all, and a request has come that the eloquent presentation speech, made by Alderman J. F. Connolly of Newark, and Mr. McGowan's happy reply I take great pleasure in doing it, to thereto be published in full in THE CITIZEN. They are given below.

ALDERMAN CONNOLLY'S SPEECH.

I come here to night with the gentlemen who have been connected with von in the past. We have come for no political favor, as fortunately you do not live in Newark, and therefore we do not expect anything from you.

and labor it is fortunate to find many | it very mildly, for I can safely assure men who have risen from the work | you I was never more surprised in my shop to be manufacturers, and some life. I have been the recipient of who have retired with a competency many tokens of esteem, but never has FALL AND WINTER who yet do not forget that they have one come to me that has touched my been wage workers before they became | heart as this does - there are features masters. There is no more important | concerning this gift that are very gratquestion to day before the people of | ifying. this country than the connection between capital and labor. There is no question that needs greater judgment and greater wisdom in its solution, than the relation of one with the other. It is important, not only in social and | Since that time you have worked for political, but in the material life of me as an employer and always with a this nation that that question should spirit of confidence and esteem bebe so settled in the future that the tween us. I now hold in my hand differences of employer and employee | that which makes it very evident to me may be adjusted without disturbing that the same good feeling that existed the friendly relationship of one to the | then, is still in existence. I do not other. We should look at the question know that I have ever done anything of labor from the standpoint that we to merit so valuable a token of your find it in to day, organized labor, and esteem and respect. It is true, how then as it was a decade of years ago in ever, that I have never tried to deceive this country. We have been visited you and have always been careful to with panics every ten years since the | fulfill any promise that I made to you, formation of this government, one of and may it always be so. the peculiarities was that from pros- I am unlike a friend of mine who, perity we went to panic, or what is on an occasion like this, after expresscommonly known as hard times. The ling great surprise and not succeeding reason for that was that the relation- in his reply to his satisfaction, proship between the consumer and the duced from his pocket a carefully capitalist was held in the hand of the capitalist alone; that he used his read, nor am I like my friend here power for the reduction of the wages | who has just delivered so eloquent an of the wage-worker, and as the wages | address on a question of such vital of the workingmen were shortened so importance to us all, he no doubt hav was the power of the consumer to use the products of the country; and this condition of things produced panics, and these panics have ever been detrithe country. In this last decade, since the panic of 1873, labor has become organized throughout the length and breadth of this country; men gave up their personal feelings, their personal aspirations in order to benefit the common cause of labor. I do not think that in the history of the formation of society-in the formation of government it can be shown that any organization has ever produced so great a power as that produced by organized labor in the past ten years. If you will look you will find that the difference between wages paid twelve or thirteen years ago and now makes a difference of from fifteen to twenty-five per cent in the different industries. In that which I represent, and to which I belong, we have increased the price of our labor in my time about thirtythree and a third per cent. There no honor due to us manufacturers for

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which forced it upon us. I want to speak a few words in regard to the fight that we have just had in our industry. Our manufacturers combined to crush out the organization of labor so far as it came in their industry. They took a step too far, because they refused to give to the people who asked for them the same rights they had themselves. They seemingly have won, but I say, and I say it without fear, that the winning in that respect is detrimental to their great interests in the future. Labor and capital must go hand in hand in this country for its advancement; labor must go hand in hand as law and justice go hand in hand, as man and wife go hand in hand. The trouble with organized labor to my own mind is this: that the gigantic organization has allowed hot heads to get into it and disturb their legitimate and peace able affairs for the control of which it started out, namely, for the elevation of the crafts, for the giving of good wages and by securing fair wages and the consequent advanced education and home comforts which it permits It seems to me that the best remedy for the unfortunate condition of the present, is settlement by arbitration of all questions of difference between the employer and employee.

that increase; it was organized labor

Now to produce such results, let us take for instance the State of New Jersey, and its peculiar institutions; we have courts of jurisprudence, courts of equity, here called the court of chancery, the last named courts take cognizance of all matters beyond which the common and statutory law teaches, and they are the purest, best, ablest conducted courts in this state. Would it not be well to establish a tribunal of mediation and arbitration with proper statistical records in this State before whom all these questions of dispute might be settled, as to the wages and as to the power of the manufacturers, and the rights of labor; and having settled it, then they can go on in the best of friendship. It is no use to talk about this great question of labor, it has got beyond the power of man to adjust without the authority of State, and it is just as important that the differences between capital. and labor should be settled by arbitration as that your estates and mine should be settled by the Court of Chancery, or Courts of Probate. It is impossible for organized labor to act independently. It must fall; it can-

not be successful by independent ac-

tion as both capital and labor are important elements to the success of the State. When organized labor can secure the establishment of such a tribunal-freed as far as may be political control, it will add not only to the true intent of its own being, but to the material prosperity, not only of the in-dividual, but the State itself.

Now, sir, I merely mention this at this time because I know from your associates, and from your friends, that you have ever been found on the side of the wage worker. I hardly know what they call the men who are opposed to you, foul, I believe. These men respect and revere you; they do not come to you for favors, but simply out of respect and as a token of their friendship, they have desired me, and present you with this little token of friendship, and I hope you will accept

MR. M'GOWAN'S REPLY.

The good book says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," I find it find it very difficult for my mouth to express a small part of what is in my heart. To say As to the great question of capital that this is a surprise would be putting

> I see among your number some that I have known for many years and you have known me. Some of us were apprentices together, and after serving onr time, we worked as journeymen

ing had ample time for preparation. I thank you all for this very beautiful expression of your friendship and with the sincere wish that this mental to the material development of | friendship may ever continue between us increasing and strengthening with our advancing years, adding to the joy and comfort of coming days. Again gentlemen, I thank you.

Orange.

-Frank Sereno, an Italian employed at John O'Rourke's stone quarry near Eagle Rock, was caught in the fly-wheel of the stone-erusher and literally torn to pieces on Monday. His father-in-law, at work at the same place, was seized with convulsions at the horrible sight. The wife of the mangled Italian was prostrated with grief upon learning of the frightful death of her husband. Work at quarry was disco..tinued for the day, and men undertook the sickening task of cleaning the blood and particles of flesh from the machinery. On Tuesday the employees resumed their labors.

-Henry George, Father McGlynn and Rev. Hugh O. Pentecost came in for a round share of scathing denunciation from the lips of Father Fleming, of St John s Roman Catholic church in his discourse to his parishioners last Sunday.

-A little child on Central Place had its finger horribly crushed by poking it in the gearing of a wringing machine while its mother was wringing the clothes. An. putation will be necessary it is feared.

State Items.

The convict school at the State Prison, the Trenton Times says is doing as well might be expected. Those who do not wish to learn are rapidly being weeded out, and before long only the studious ones will remain. The teachers are fully as capable as was expected. Under their guidance the pupils are making rapid progress in all the studies. Principal Keeper Paterson, who started the school as an experiment, is confident that it will, be a success and a benefit to the convicts who wish to better their education.

John J. Titus, the engineer of the mail train who was so seriously injured in the recent collision in Upper Montclair, on the Greenwood Lake road, has so far recovered from his injuries as to be about on crutches. He will return to work as soon as he is able.

The Westfield Citizens' Association has unanimously approved the proposition to adopt a borough form of government. The limits have been established and the legal petition to the court prepared for an. election to be held on October 4th, to give the residents an opportunity to vote on

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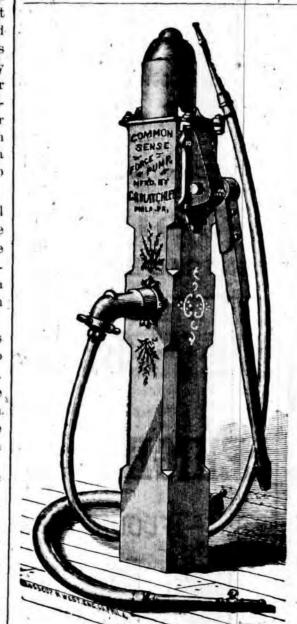
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